

WARDEN MESSAGE
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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Posting Information on Safety and Security

The U.S. Embassy would like to introduce a new link on its Web site that will make it easier for U.S. citizens to access information about:

- Demonstrations that may occur in the National Capital Region, or elsewhere in the country, and
- Weather warnings - approaching weather patterns that may affect the Philippines.
- Volcanic Activity / Earthquakes

The link to go to for Embassy Warden Messages on all three topics, as well as other Warden Messages involving Safety, Security, and Travel, is:

<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rp1/wwwha008.html>

Demonstrations: A political or other demonstration could materialize on fairly short notice. If and when you do learn of a demonstration, please plan your travel accordingly: avoid crowds and exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of a demonstration. As a reminder, even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. The Embassy will post demonstration alerts at

<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rp1/wwwha008.html>

Weather: From time to time we receive news reports of approaching tropical depressions, a typhoon, or other weather patterns that may pose a threat to lives or property. It may not always be practical to send out a separate warden message on an approaching weather pattern. You may wish to access a Web site, such as

<http://www.typhoon2000.ph/>

or the Web site for the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical & Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) at

<http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/wb/wxfcst.html>

The Embassy will post weather warnings from time to time at

<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rpl/wwwha008.html>

Volcanic Activity / Earthquakes: We post warden messages from time to time, also at

<http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rpl/wwwha008.html>

when an alert is raised by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology (PHILVOLCS). You will find Embassy warden messages at the link above. You may also receive information by accessing the PHILVOLCS Web site at

<http://www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph/>

or a U.S. Government Web site at <http://volcanoes.usgs.gov>.

During any emergency, it is a good idea to keep your transistor radio on to listen to the latest reports and any bulletins from Philippine Government agencies. A Severe Weather Bulletin is issued by PAGASA every six hours; i.e., at 5:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Recommended AM band radio stations during an emergency are:

ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation: DZMM 630-khz; and
GMA Network Inc.: DZBB 594-khz

American citizens with questions or concerns may telephone the Embassy at (63)(2) 528-6300. In case of an emergency outside business hours, American citizens may reach the

Embassy duty officer through the Embassy operator at (63)(2) 528-6300. The U.S. Embassy is located at: 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines. The Consular American Citizen Services (ACS) section's fax number is (63)(2) 522-3242 and the general ACS web page is at <http://usembassy.state.gov/posts/rp1/www3004.html>